

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Tee it up for the Troops Day

WHEREAS, wars are being conducted overseas by courageous men and women in our Armed Forces who have unselfishly put the United States ahead of their own personal safety and comfort; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the success of our troops that we show pride and support for their service; and

WHEREAS, Tee it up for the Troops was created to help support the fallen and disabled members of our Armed Forces and their families, and to honor veterans of all wars and acknowledge their sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Friday closest to September 11 has been designated by Tee it up for the Troops as a national day to salute all who have answered the call to duty; and

WHEREAS, Tee it up for the Troops has the support of America Supports You, a nationwide program launched by the Department of Defense to recognize citizen support for our military men and women and communicate that support to members of the Armed Services at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2011 the Seventh Annual Tee it up for the Troops Golf Tournament will be held to support and thank those who serve and have served and their families; and

WHEREAS, Tee it up for the Troops Day will continue to provide scholarships, lodging, travel, clothing, athletic programs, counseling, care packages, entertainment and other programs that support those who serve on our behalf; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2011 Tee it up for the Troops Day in Rhode Island and urge the state's citizens to recognize this observance.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this **2**^{NO} day of August, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee Governor

A. Ralph Mollis Secretary of State